**Genre Overview**

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| **Fiction** | | | |
| **Code** | **Genre** | **Definition** | **Books in this Genre** |
| **F** | Fantasy | A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. **Make-believe** is what this genre is all about. | The Edge Chronicles, Fairies, The Last Dragon Chronicles, Warriors, My Secret Unicorn, The Son of Neptune, The Magic Tree House |
| **RF** | Realistic Fiction | A story using made-up characters that could happen in real life. | Clementine, Junie B. Jones, Defiance, I Survived, |
| **M** | Mystery | A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story. | The Calder Game, Chasing Vermeer, Nate the Great |
| **TL** | Traditional Literature | Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This includes **folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales**, **tall tales**, and **myths** from different cultures. | Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Mulan, Aesop’s Fables, The Ugly Duckling, Beauty and the Beast |
| **C** | Classics | Books that were written years ago, but still read by many today. Includes American Illustrated Classics. | Huckleberry Finn, The Swiss Family Robinson, The Wizard of Oz, |
| **HF** | Historical Fiction | A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author’s imagination. | Titanic, One Crazy Summer, Number the Stars, The Royal Diaries, I Survived, American Girls Books, Dear America |
| **SF** | Science Fiction | A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.) | Quantum League, Hunger Games, The Giver, A Wrinkle in Time |
| **H** | Humor | Books that contain humor or comedy. Funny stories that make you laugh. | Dork Diaries, Flat Stanley, Captain Underpants |

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| **Nonfiction** | | | |
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| **I** | Informational | Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.) | What was…,Paul Revere’s Ride, Saturn, The Underground Railroad, U.S. History Books |
| **B** | Biography | The story of a real person’s life written by another person. | Martin Luther King, Jr., Babe Ruth, Jimmy Carter, Ben Franklin |
| **AB** | Autobiography | The story of a real person’s life that is written by that person. | The Diary of Anne Frank, The True Story of Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks: My Story |